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**BEFORE THE  
BOARD OF VOCATIONAL NURSING AND PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIANS  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. VN-2003-2220

**JEA NAVARRO**  
aka JEA DEONIO NAVARRO,  
aka JEA ORTIZLUIS NAVARRO,  
aka JEA DIONIO ORTIZ LUIS NAVARRO  
782 Catalina Circle  
Vallejo, California 94589

**A C C U S A T I O N**

Vocational Nurse License No. VN 184820

Respondent.

Teresa Bello-Jones, J.D., M.S.N., R.N. ("Complainant") alleges:

**PARTIES**

1. Complainant brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians ("Board"), Department of Consumer Affairs.

2. On or about June 5, 1998, the Board issued Vocational Nurse License Number VN 184820, to Jea Navarro, also known as Jea Deonio Navarro, Jea Ortizluis Navarro, and Jea Dionio Ortiz Luis Navarro ("Respondent"). The license expired on August 31, 2003, and was renewed on July 20, 2004. The license will expire on August 31, 2007, unless renewed.

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1 the duties and functions of the licensee.”

2 6. Section 2885 of the Code provides:

3 “It is unlawful for any person or persons not licensed as provided in this chapter to  
4 impersonate in any manner or pretend to be a licensed vocational nurse, or to use the title  
5 “Licensed Vocational Nurse,” the letters “L.V.N.,” or any other name, word or symbol in  
6 connection with or following his name so as to lead another or others to believe that he is a  
7 licensed vocational nurse.”

### 8 COST RECOVERY

9 7. Code section 125.3 provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request  
10 the administrative law judge to direct a licensee found to have committed a violation or  
11 violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation  
12 and enforcement of the case.

### 13 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

14 8. Between January 11, 2004, and January 16, 2004, while working at  
15 Evergreen Healthcare Centers of Vallejo, (“Evergreen”), a skilled nursing facility located at 1527  
16 Springs Road, Vallejo, California, Respondent was assigned to care for Patient RR.<sup>1</sup> On or  
17 about January 11, 2004, Respondent noted in the medical chart that RR was complaining of  
18 kidney pain. Respondent contacted a physician, who ordered a urinalysis. On or about January  
19 12, 2004, the urinalysis revealed that RR had a urinary tract infection, and RR was prescribed an  
20 antibiotic. Between January 11, 2004, and January 16, 2004, RR’s condition deteriorated,  
21 including his ability to communicate his hydration needs and tolerance of oral foods and fluids.  
22 On or about January 16, 2004, at 1300 hours, Respondent noted in the medical chart that she did  
23 not administer the prescribed antibiotic to RR due to his “sleepy state.” Respondent failed to  
24 notify a physician that she withheld the prescribed medication, or of the significant change in  
25 RR’s condition, including decreased fluid intake, decreased sensorium, declining mental  
26 function, and the need for a medical reassessment.

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28 1. The identity of Patient RR is withheld in order to protect patient privacy.



1                   9.       On that same day, January 16, 2004, nurse "M" was assigned to care for  
2 RR. At 2240 hours, M noted that RR was unresponsive to verbal cues, and his urine output was  
3 less than 150 cc's for the entire day. M immediately contacted a physician regarding RR's  
4 condition, who ordered that RR be transported to the hospital. When RR arrived at the hospital,  
5 he was diagnosed as having hypotension, hypothermia, hyperkalemia (high serum potassium  
6 level), and extremely severe dehydration. On January 18, 2004, at 0450 hours, RR expired.

### 7                                   **FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

#### 8   **(Conviction of a Crime)**

9                   10.       Respondent is subject to discipline under Code section 2878(f), in that she  
10 was convicted of a crime that is substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a  
11 vocational nurse. On or about June 17, 2005, in the case of *People v. Jea Navarro*, (Superior Ct.  
12 Solano County, 2005, No. VCR178484), Respondent was convicted by the Court on her plea of  
13 nolo contendere of violating Penal Code section 368(c) (elder and dependent adult abuse). The  
14 circumstances of the crime are as follows:

15                         a. Between January 15, 2004, and January 16, 2004, Respondent, under  
16 circumstances and conditions other than those likely to produce great bodily harm and death, and  
17 having the care of custody of RR, with knowledge that he was an elder and dependent adult, did  
18 willfully cause and permit him to be placed in a situation in which his health may be endangered.

### 19                                   **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

#### 20   **(Excessive Force, Mistreatment or Abuse of Any Patient)**

21                   11.       Respondent is subject to discipline under Code section 2878(a)(4), in that  
22 on or about January 16, 2004, while employed as a licensed vocational nurse at Evergreen,  
23 Respondent mistreated or abused patient RR, as more particularly set forth above in paragraphs 7  
24 through 9a.

### 25                                   **THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

#### 26   **(Impersonating a Licensee)**

27                   12.       Respondent is subject to discipline under Code sections 2878(d), 2878(h),  
28 2878(j) and 2885, in that between August 31, 2003, and July 20, 2004, while employed as a

1 vocational nurse at Evergreen, Respondent acted as a Licensed Vocational nurse while her  
2 license was expired.

3 **PRAYER**

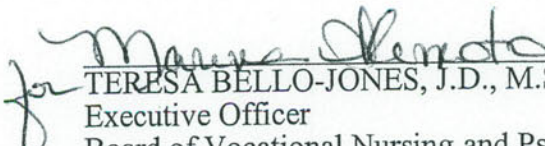
4 **WHEREFORE**, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters  
5 herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric  
6 Technicians issue a decision:

7 1. Revoking or suspending Vocational Nurse License Number VN 184820,  
8 issued to Jea Navarro, also known as Jea Deonio Navarro, Jea Ortizluis Navarro, and Jea Dionio  
9 Ortiz Luis Navarro;

10 2. Ordering Jea Navarro, also known as Jea Deonio Navarro, Jea Ortizluis  
11 Navarro, and Jea Dionio Ortiz Luis Navarro, to pay the Board of Vocational Nursing and  
12 Psychiatric Technicians the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case,  
13 pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3; and,

14 3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

15 DATED: April 27, 2007

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17 TERESA BELLO-JONES, J.D., M.S.N., R.N.  
18 Executive Officer  
19 Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians  
20 Department of Consumer Affairs  
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